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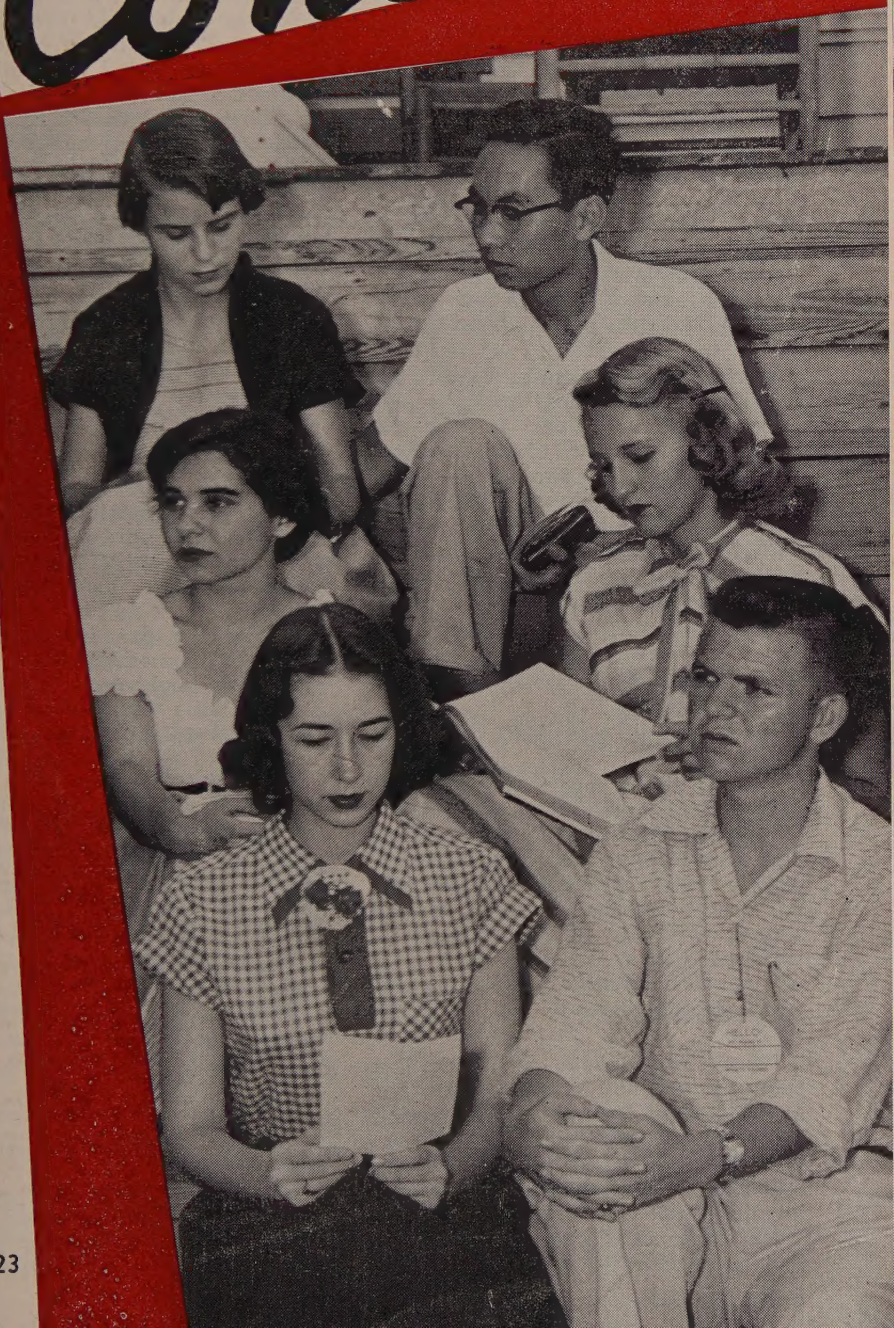

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At three conference centers in early June, Methodist students and counselors assembled for MSM regional training conferences. Three more are scheduled for the first week in September.

A 45-minute period of silence following the morning platform hour is a distinctive feature of MSM regionals. Pausing for meditation at the Lake Junaluska, N. C., regional are Azile Thomson, Georgia Southern College, Americus, Ga.; Peck Lau, Singapore and Randolph-Macon College, Ashland, Va.; Esther Martinez, University of Miami; Carolyn McMullen, Stetson University, DeLand, Fla.; Laurie Lynn Benson, Huntingdon College, Montgomery, Ala.; and Bill Sparkman, Birmingham-Southern College, Birmingham, Ala.

Conference platform speaker was Emile Cailliett, French theologian and Princeton professor, who told the students that the kernel of his messages is that life has only two roads—God is or God is not. "It is not a matter of choice because all of us are traveling one of these roads whether we realize it or not."

Forum

STAR REPORT

Sirs:

I would like to report what our local MYF—Zion church of Gordonville — paid to the Methodist Youth Fund last year. Our personal pledges amounted to $218.10 with 23 members pledging. After all the pledges came in, we had a total of $228.10 paid to the Methodist Youth Fund.

Betty Deneke, MYF president

THE CLOSED DOOR

Sirs:

Every time I take a trip I make it a point to stop at Methodist churches along the way. It is always interesting to see our different churches throughout the country, and, more important, it is a good opportunity to pause during the hurried schedule of a trip for a few moments of quiet worship with God.

However it is a great disappoint[ment] to find that most of our churches locked even during the daytime. W[hat] a shame it is to have sanctuaries t[hat] are used only at 11:00 on Sunday mo[rn]ing! The minister of the church which I am a member keeps the do[or] of our sanctuary open day and ni[ght] and constantly encourages the co[n]gation to stop in at the church prayer and meditation. The offi[cial] board recently voted to install a sm[all] spotlight to shine on the altar at ni[ght] for it has found that more and m[ore] members of our congregation are us[ing] our sanctuary all during the we[ek] Soon our MYF is going to buy a s[ign] to place outside the church that will invite passers-by to come in for r[est] and prayer.

Why don't the readers of Co[ncern] ask their pastors to keep their sanc[tu]aries open? And let's encourage youth of our MYF to use our chur[ch] for prayer and meditation.

Richard Deats, Te[nn.]

A BOOK NEEDED

Sirs:

Our group is talking and prayin[g] a lot about the Supreme Court decis[ion] regarding segregation in public scho[ols] We would like to have some book material that would give us more fa[cts] about current practices. Would [you] recommend something that we co[uld] pass around and read?

Margaret Davis, Ol[ive]

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frica, Korea 3's gin training

ast week Scarritt College in Nash-e opened its doors to welcome the st crop of three-year missionaries. me 32 young Methodists will be at rritt through August 9, training in "Fellowship for Christian Service." s group will be assigned to Africa Korea.

argely graduates in the class of 4, the young men and women in-le educators, agriculturists, a build-social workers, a laboratory techni-n, musicians, and an office worker.

ince the special "three" program s begun in 1948, more than 393 col-e graduates have been sent to ica, Korea, India, Latin America, an, the Philippines, Okinawa, Bor-and Malaya.

Dr. Charles Shumaker, Methodist sionary who has served as princi-of the Anglo-Chinese school in lacca, Malaya, is dean of the train-school. Administrative secretaries the Methodist Board of Missions, rritt College faculty, missionaries, l teachers from other colleges and inaries will conduct the study rses, workshops and special brief-sessions.

he "three" program is a project of Board of Missions of The Metho-Church. Persons interested in ap-ing should write the Department of sionary Personnel, 150 Fifth Ave., w York 11, N. Y.

ore Methodists going Sunday School

ast year more Methodist attended nday school than ever before, ac-ding to statistics compiled by the partment of General Church School rk of the Board of Education.

With Methodist church school mem-ship totaling 6,270,937, average at-dance for 1953 was 3,187,635. This resents a gain of 99,792 and a per-tage gain of 3.2 per cent over 1952.

f the jurisdictions, Southeastern the largest average attendance, ,762, and North Central had second gest, 741,501. Third largest atten-ce was reported by Northeastern, ,782, and fourth largest by South

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Central, 604,431. The Western Jurisdiction had an average attendance of 199,078, and Central, 94,117.

Of the church's 37 episcopal areas Ohio area reported the largest average attendance, 187,940; Richmond area ranked second with 180,550; Pittsburgh ranked third with 178,217; Charlotte fourth with 174,548; and Chicago fifth with 152,554.

Camp attendance totaled for 1953

According to Youth Department lists, 273 camps, institutes and assemblies were held for Methodist youth last summer—not counting Christian adventure camps for intermediates. Some 149 of these camps sent reports to the Youth Department.

Staff member Joseph W. Bell estimates from these reports, that total attendance for the summer of 1953 was 37,729 MYFers.

The North Central Jurisdiction reported the largest attendance, 6,982. In other jurisdictions attendance was as follows: South Central, 4,665; Southeastern, 3,524; Western 2,837; Northeastern, 2,219; Central, 366.

Special offering to aid Korea

Next November 14, all Methodist churches will be receiving a special offering for emergency needs in Korea. The offering will be known as the "Bishops' Appeal for Korea."

The plan was voted by the Council of Bishops at its April meeting, then authorized by the executive committee of the Council on World Service and Finance last month.

The Division of World Missions of the Board of Missions will administer 70 per cent of the funds received, and the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief will administer 30 per cent. Bishops and district superintendents will encourage all pastors to receive the offering on November 14 or a convenient date near that time.

E. O. Harbin writes new book of games

For many years Methodist youth have studied recreation at the hand of the top expert in the field, E. O. Harbin. No longer active in leading recreation himself, E. O. Harbin has continued to produce books and materials for use everywhere. His latest, *Games of Many Nations,* came off the press June 28.

Most attractive in appearance and design, *Games of Many Nations* includes a world of fun from around the world—149 games collected from 27 countries. Methodist missionaries and recreation leaders abroad have aided in collecting the material.

For example, a missionary teacher in Hiroshima girls school, Hiroshima, Japan asked her pupils (as part of an English lesson) to describe some Japanese game in English. The teacher, Miss Alberta Tarr, then sent all the papers to Mr. Harbin, and he edited and adapted the games for American use.

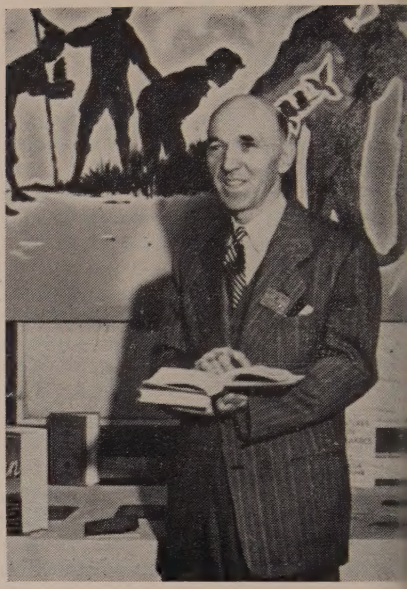
The 160-page book is published by Abingdon press at $1.95. It is beautifully arranged and easy to use.

E. O. Harbin is best known in the recreation field for his *Fun Encyclopedia,* but other popular books are *Phunology, Gay Parties for All Occasions,* and *Games for Boys and Girls.* For 30 years he has been on the staff of the Youth Department of the Methodist Board of Education.

Workcampers are off for summer of service

More than 100 young Americans sailed for Europe and Asia last month to participate in international work camps under the auspices of the World Council of Churches. They will help build schools, playgrounds, churches, construct village betterment projects and refugee settlements, and a score of other projects of Christian significance which could not be undertaken without their help.

One team will remodel a former detention camp into a leadership training center in Malaya. Another will build a basketball court for youngsters



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in Thailand; one team will help b a girls' orphanage in Lebanon. O projects include construction of a chapel for a mission outpost in Cameroun, Africa; reconstructio garden terraces—the source of f and produce—for Greek villages st by the two recent earthquakes; cl ing up and rebuilding one of the ages on the island of Schouwen, land, destroyed by floods in Febru 1953.

The group going to the Far East be in Hiroshima, Japan, to clear level a plot of land for a Chri cemetery; in Korea doing recons tion work on a war-damaged town Okinawa, working on improvemen a poor people's home; and in Ma the Philippines and Thailand on lar jobs. In the Near East they go to Cyprus, Egypt and Lebano

The work campers receive no but work long hours and live in simplest fashion. Almost 1000 y and students will participate in camps in 22 nations. The U. S. vo teers come from 29 states and re sent 75 college campuses and 14 testant and Orthodox communions

our films abroad

Perhaps you are tired of edi-rials and talks about the bad ffects that American films of-n have on our friends in other untries. True, we export some our worst films, and it isn't rprising that some people in ner countries think that Amer-a is composed entirely of the ld west or the plush east. The les for living are simple: in e west, let your gun hang loose your holster; in the east, never seen out of your tuxedo or wing evening gown.

Our friends abroad have a ght to criticize, on several unts. Some of the criticisms are kingly made, some are half-rious, some are subtle. Among e thoughtful and serious com-ents is an article in the June 3 ue of *Young Britain*, a news-eet for Methodist youth in eat Britain. Derek Davies says s to British Methodist youth:

"Perhaps you have never really ought about it, but one of the ost important things about a m is the country that made it. lms from different countries e as different as the scenery or e food or the languages of those untries. (Even with the sound-ack switched off I expect you uld tell, quite quickly, whether film had been made in America England.)

"To a very large extent films flect the life of the country at makes them. The reflection ay not, of course, be very accur-e. Perhaps it would be truer to v that films reflect what the ople of the country like, or at they would like to be, ther than what they *are*.

"*Conflict of Wings*, for in-nce, is typically British in so ny ways. The people of a Nor-lk village rush in with protests

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when the R.A.F. try to take over a local bird sanctuary for target practice with rocket-firing planes. (Remember the way the villagers in *The Titfield Thunderbolt* fought to keep their railway line?) British people almost always have a love for animals and birds; they always like to poke fun at the officials of Whitehall with their pompousness and their plans; and they love to see people 'sticking up for their rights' and outwitting the bigwigs.

"This film has lots of humour in it, and if you think defending a bird sanctuary sounds tame you will be wrong. You will be holding on to your seats when the planes come in to fire the first time!

"Just as typically American is *The Long, Long Trailer*. The film is based on a book written by a man who had actually lived in a trailer home, and many of the misfortunes that provide the laughs in the film are true incidents. But a lot more in the film is merely what Americans would like to do. The young husband and wife buy the biggest and shiniest trailer you have ever seen. It costs a lot, but it is a hire purchase, and anyway nobody ever seems to be short of money in American films. They quarrel over all sorts of things and even leave each other. But—can you guess?—it all ends happily!"

For a moment—pretend that you are seated in a makeshift theater in some Asian village. Your family is short on food, and seeing this film is your one "extra" for a month or more. How would you feel, seeing one of the typically American extravaganzas? Be honest, now.

We trust in . . . ?

Man — and especially man *locale America*—is now in possession of the most murderous and suicidal weapon against physical life ever known outside the cataclysmic forces that gave earth its present contour. Perhaps, because of man's ability to place his force at any point he wishes it—even pin-pointed in the midst of a city of 10,000,000 people—the H-bomb is more potentially destructive than the elemental forces that had no man-pursuing motivation.

The H-bomb is a power-problem, some tell us; and we feel secure in that it will frighten off our potential enemies. It is a political problem, say others; and we try the outmoded codes of diplomacy to assure the world we are peace-loving and without evil intent, the while we extend our "bases of defense" in ever-widening geographic areas. It is a religious problem, say some churchmen; but their warnings and resolutions fall on generally unreceptive ears in a land that describes itself as "under God", and that emblazons its motto, "In God we trust." (Do we really trust and rely upon God as much as we do this new power-tool, the H-bomb?)

Reid

President Eisenhower and Ex-President Truman agree: the potential of the H-bomb is too terrible to even dream that one will ever be used; yet "the government" (the President, and you, and I) go on manufacturing, and experimenting, and developing them. To what end, if not possibly use?

The Dean of Canterbury thinks the H-bomb explosion in the Marshall Islands is "terrifying news . . . of supreme importance to every living man, woman and child." The Archbishop York, equally alarmed, says "the chu must call upon all the nations to p vent appalling terror from be loosed upon the human race." T Council of United Church Women S.A.) asks its government "to p sist in its determination not to initi thermo-nuclear warfare and to conti efforts to achieve an enforceable s tem of general disarmament." P Pius XII, a scientist himself, spe out against the use of atomic, biol cal and chemical warfare, since t can cause "the total extermination all animal and vegetable life and all the works of man" over the en planet.

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And one could fill the pages v the lists of famed dividuals and of n organizations that h issued "resolutio "speeches," "statements," "findin "calls," "surveys," and "letters," moaning, denouncing, or deploring development, not of atomic power of the atomic-bomb, the H-bomb, other instruments of terror and truction. One has called it all "a b phemy of applied science."

Yet men who call themselves "Ch tian" continue to "develop" these t And other "followers of Christ" billions to manufacture destruc seek security behind such instrume seek to maintain the status quo (o an unholy one) by engendering of this terrible power.

The still, small voice calling peace, for justice, for reconcilia for negotiation seems almost lost in babel of the power-mongers. Yet t voice—demanding the banning of instruments of destruction, and ins ing on never-ceasing negotiati among *all* nations until agreement established—must become the voice the whole church, of the whole nati of the world, if man is to continue

upon this planet.
[en said the atom could not be split its power released. It was. Men universal peace cannot be achieved. Christian says it can be and it will be—when men try hard enough and long enough, for God will then be on their side.

—BY W. W. REID

What's doing

Father of the year

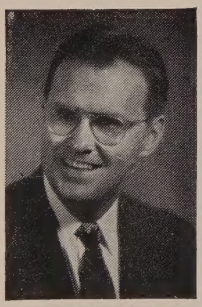
he other day you may have noticed following item which was released the news services date lined New k City. "Paul G. Hoffman, chair- of the Studebaker Corporation and ner administrator of the Economic peration Administration, has been ed 'Father of the Year'."

he National Father's Day Commit- said Hoffman, the father of seven dren, was chosen for the honor be- se of his "rare statesmanship."

he name of Paul Hoffman has in- terested me for a long time. He had an admir- able record for a num- ber of years as the inistrator of the Economic Co- ration Administration through h he distributed millions of dollars nations overseas for economic re- litation and reconstruction. Fol- ng that he was an official of the d Foundation, a philanthropic foun- on for education, and since has rned again to the Studebaker Cor- tion where he had been the presi- before going with the Government the Economic Cooperation Admin- ation and now has taken up the as Chairman of the Corporation.

reading over the announcement Mr. Hoffman being selected the ner of the Year there came to my d a quotation I had in my file of a ement which he had made at the h anniversary celebration of Free- House which was reported in ember of 1951: The thought con- of dictatorships is imposed by e, but discussion, criticism, and de- can be stifled by fear as well as orce. Persecution by public opinion be as powerful as purges and pro- ms. School teachers, government clerks, government officials and even businessmen can be frightened out of their rights under the First Amend- ment as effectively as if that Amend- ment were repealed; and frightened men are at best irresponsible in their actions and at worst dangerous. Of all the forms of tyranny over the mind of man, none is more terrible than fear.

Of late, some of our people—often good people — have been blindly spread- ing just this kind of fear. In their zeal to combat com- munism they have been betrayed into using methods and measures which im- pair the sources of our strength and thus play directly into the hands of the Kremlin. They are making criticism socially danger- ous through fear . . . They are ready to pillory anyone who holds an un- popular view or supports an unpopular cause. As a result, too many of our fellow citizens have been afraid to speak out. In far too many cases, de- cisions, often decisions in high places, have been influenced by fear. In short, the danger of Communist penetration and disruption has been compounded by the spread of panic. All of this in a nation which has grown to greatness and glory because it has recognized the rights of non-conformists and dis- senters!"



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"Of all the forms of tyranny over the mind of men none is more terrible than fear." Paul Hoffman, we salute you!

—BY HAROLD W. EWING

Problems of government

Nothing can be more vexing or perplexing to a person who believes in a constitutional, representative form of government than the weakness apparently shown in time of crisis by a government like that of France.

France, of course, is looked to by most educated Americans as a nation which has played an extremely important part in establishing governmental systems based on "liberty, equality, fraternity." We recognize that much of the service to these ideals has been lip service — in America and in England as well as in France.

Nelson

Yet we can be thankful for the strong tradition of individualism and intelligent criticism of authority that has helped the French to spread these ideals.

Yet, as C. L. Sulzberger points out in the June 13 New York *Times*, France's worst crisis of the past ten years is being caused basically by that same individualism and that same critical attitude toward authority. Sulzberger says the central government of France is weak because the people of France want it to be weak.

Because of their fear of strong central authority—a fear which has been increased by a series of unfortunate experiences with "strong men" in the central office—the French have made the National Assembly stronger than the Executive. The Assembly itself, as anyone reads the news knows, is drastically divided between various shadings of political conservatism and radicalism.

As Sulzberger points out, this situation has not reduced the native vigor of the French mind and body; nor h it particularly helped the Commun Party in France, which actually h lost ground.

Sulzberger says France is "i mobilized by her own peculiar tal for brilliant logic"—a rigid type logic which does not lead to action.

But Sulzberger's analysis should supplemented by something y columnist read a few months ago the *Reporter*. This magazine poin out that the Fre workers have a d sense of economic pression which party in France, and for that mat no labor union, has been able to harn or to lead into meaningful channels expression. The last big general str which developed, declared the ma zine, actually started spontaneou among workers over the country, w out definite goal or direction — though the various labor unions t to claim the strike as their own *it had started.*

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This, of course, does not in any contradict what Sulzberger said. himself mentions the poverty, the equal taxation, and the power of s ial interests as factors in the Fre situation.

Perhaps both of these commenta serve to proclaim something of significance: namely, that there deep need for a really new approac political, sociological, industrial, whatever you want to call it—w is showing itself more clearly France than in some other countr Our newspapers as yet are unable make clear to us just what the ba problems and the possible answ (within the Christian and democr tradition) are.

This columnist hopes he can g you a hint or two soon.

—BY CLAUD NELSON,

What waiting for?

Opportunity? Trouble is, it usually comes in overalls, with pick and shovel. Waiting for an exciting "youth movement" so we can hop on board? That's what Christianity's always been. Better hop fast. It *moves*. Waiting for high-powered speakers to *tell* us? Or emphasis? Or big conventions? Are we transitive or intransitive verbs?

On a day in the Senate when discussion was wandering about ways to help Europe, the late Peter Marshall prayed: "O God, our Father, let us not be content to wait and see what will happen, but give us the determination to make the right things happen. Give us the courage to stand for something, lest we fall for anything. Amen." When he died at forty-six his next prayer for the Senate had been written: "Where we cannot convince, let us be willing to persuade, for small deeds done are better than great deeds planned." Some subdistricts and institute worship times might deal with the idea in John Drinkwater's words: *"above the deep intent"—"the deed."*

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Civilization has come to a boil, say sociologists. Will it boil over, or will energy be harnessed constructively? We cannot assume that when members are won to Christian institutions, Christian teachings have been brought to penetrate the social fabric. In a history of the British civilization, the impact of Christian ideas was counted unmistakable—in the coming of Augustine of Canterbury, in the Cluniac revival, in the Reformation, in the Wesleyan renewal. Christians were listed as a *"mind-forming society."* Transitive. Difference-making. The test of an MYF or MSF is: what *difference* —in homes? in school activities? in campus life? in world? This is not just rhetoric. Five concerned youth can turn a community upsidedown faster than 500 don't-cares. Has someone, in astonished slang, said of you and your group lately, "How Christian can you get?"

Even a little Christianity personally possessed is worth an infinite amount externally copied. In all the program areas of the MYF and in all the emphases of student work, growth must be *from the inside* out. To be a "mind-forming society" for God in this boiling hour—how deeply, greatly, vastly do we need first to have that divine mind-forming operation upon ourselves that we call "prayer." Johannes Tauler, called one of the greatest preachers of the fourteenth century, said: "In one short hour you can learn more from the inward voice than you could learn from a man in a thousand years." Thomas A. Kempis prayed that God would "stir up my heart toward Thee, set me free from a heavy listlessness." All the prayers of the world cannot nourish the spirit that never prays.

Miss Bowman

Must peck out of our own cocoons; otherwise, wings not strong enough to fly. We're in tremendous transitions in our world. If too lazy to think through vigorously, read, discuss, pray full-heartedly—how expect to grow the wing-strength for the new air? Old ways of thinking, old habit-patterns in human relationships are like the caterpillar's outworn shell. Only the *inner voice* as Tauler said, can direct into the new adventurous patterns that must be found! Growing out of old segregation patterns, now that the way is open, is one test. Some will try to crowl back into cocoons. But Christian youth will serve as *transitive* verbs, as a "mind-forming society" to help everyone see possible ways of working, planning, sharing, praying to bring opportunities for *all* into

as many communities as fast as possible. And what of religious education opportunities? Let church groups consider seriously. This question applies both to needs for materials, equipment, leadership for guiding children and parents in all groups in our nation; and to higher education opportunities for youth of minority groups who volunteer for church vocations.

On this, as on other such questions for now, we need the "mindforming" aid of prayer, as never before. J. Arthur Rank (film magnate of Britain who produced the John Wesley film) has thirteen steps from the street to his office; but he will not use the elevator. "Those thirteen steps are altar stairs to me." What of ours? Read Isaiah 2:3.

—BY CLARICE BOWMAN

Books of Concern

The Negro and the Schools

One of the most significant and helpful volumes on a crucial subject is *The Negro and the Schools*, by Harry S. Ashmore. Just before the Supreme Court announced its decision on five important cases, the University of North Carolina Press published this book, a summary of a series of studies made under the auspices of the Fund for the Advancement of Education. Some 40 scholars participated at some phase or another of this research project.

Probably there is no better source for the average concerned person to find the facts and figures on the Negro and the schools, to find an objective and dependable analysis of the situation and problems now existing. The book discusses bi-racial education in the United States from its beginning, through the depression years and to current times. Then "the figures tell the story." Tables on school attendance, expenditures per pupil, training and salaries of teachers, number of books in school libraries—and so on, are very revealing.

CONCERN highly recommends *The Negro and the Schools* for personal reading and group study.

July 1 a revised edition came off the press, containing the Supreme Court decision on segregation. The new edition is available in paper at $1.50 and in cloth at $2.75. Order from the nearest Methodist Publishing House or from the University of North Carolina Press, Chapel Hill, N. C.

Methodism in American History

William Warren Sweet is a top authority in the field of American church history, and his volume on *Methodism in American History* is thorough, competently done, interesting to read. First published in 1933, the book has been widely used and quoted. Now the publishers, Abingdon Press, have issued a revised and enlarged edition, adding a chapter to cover the two decades of 1933-1953. Order the new edition at $5 per copy from the Methodist Publishing House.

How to Attend a Conference

Conference-going is more than sightseeing, and a veteran conference-goer named Dorothea Sullivan has prepared a handy guidebook with tips on how to get more out of all kinds of conferences. The book has workable suggestions for members of church youth groups as well as Golden Age clubs, Rotary clubs, Zonta societies and many others. The book discusses why conferences are held, how to get ready to go, what to do on arrival, your job as a delegate, some extras to do at the conference in order to make the most of it, and your job back home after the conference is all over.

Very helpful is the discussion of aspects of conference participation that make democratic expression, leadership growth and social responsibility more meaningful.

How to Attend a Conference is published by Associated Press, a volume and its leadership library. Cost is $1 a copy.

How the Great Religions Began

A helpful book for students of other religions is this Signet Key Book by Joseph Gaer. It discusses the origins and beliefs of Buddhism, Jainism, Hindustan, Confucianism, Taoism, Shinto, Zoroastrianism, Judaism, Christianity, Mohammedanism, and the Reformation. The book is published by the New American Library, paper bound, for 25 cents. It covers tremendous ground in an interesting and helpful manner.

astor's idea results
missionary pictures

Rev. Morris W. Singer was a man ith an idea.

It wasn't a very complicated idea, ut it worked and the benefits from it re reaching scores of thousands of eople around the world. His idea was use an ordinary 16-mm. motion- icture camera to make cheap slides or use by missionaries overseas. At cost of one-third cent a frame, 200 the pictures can be sent overseas or the minimum air mail postage.

"We send them to the Orient, urope, Central and South America— fact, almost everywhere missionar- s work," Singer says. "Why, we've ent them to places where such luxur- s as pictures were unknown."

An ordained minister in the Southern alifornia-Arizona Conference of The Methodist Church, Singer is pastor of the Victorville church. He has taken a sabbatical leave this year, to work full time without salary on this project. He organized the All Nations Filmstrip Foundation to give instruction on using the film and to promote he idea. Singer has a filmstrip of his wn, "Wings Over the World," which emonstrates the process.

Singer

"With a strip of slides," he says, a missionary can illustrate Bible tories in color for natives who may ever have heard of Christ before. He an also bring the increased effective- ess of visual education to bear on the roblems of sanitation, agriculture, iteracy and a myriad of others."

Persons who would like to see color- d filmstrips that are sent to foreign ountries in their own languages should rite the All Nations Filmstrip Foun- ation, 15421 Fifth St., Victorville, alif. Filmstrip and returnable viewer will be sent, without any obligation n the part of the person requesting he service.

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New pamphlet on faith of youth

From the viewpoint of parents, H. D. Bollinger has written an excellent pamphlet, "Helping youth achieve a Christian faith."

In concise form on seven pages, Bollinger indicates ways the home should help youth become Christian. The section on formulating one's faith is especially helpful.

The pamphlet is one of the series designed for parents and other adults who work with youth, and produced by the Department of the Christian Family and the Youth Department of the General Board of Education. Single copies are free, 20 cents a dozen, $1 a hundred. Ask for No. 3042-B from the Service Department, P. O. Box 871, Nashville 2.

Theme set for 1954 Religion in Life month

A growing observance comes every November, Religion in American Life. Each year a vast advertising campaign carries a non-sectarian message to Americans everywhere, to encourage church attendance and the deepening of religious faith. Theme of the observance for 1954 is "He restoreth your soul . . . worship together this week." A free kit of materials is available for each local church from the national RIAL office, 300 Fourth Ave., New York 10.

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City church wins and holds youth

MYF in action

On Wednesday nights a typical scene takes place at Humboldt Park church on Chicago's near north side.

Doors open and kids pile in. From 70 to 80 youth will be on hand by the time the regular weekly MYF meeting begins—featuring a speaker, discussions, movies and recreation. However, the MYF program at Humboldt does not run only one night a week. It runs seven nights a week, with total weekly attendance at all activities during winter averaging 400 to 500 youth. A usual weekly program is as follows:

◆ Monday night is square dancing. Pastor August Aamodt does the calling. From 7:00 to 7:30 newcomers learn the games and old hands review old games. For 90 minutes then the group learns and perfects new dances. The square dance group has visited MYFs in many churches to demonstrate and teach this kind of recreation.

◆ Tuesday is swimming and boys' basketball day. Coached by Aamodt, the boys swim at a nearby YMCA and are now forming a swimming team and planning a swimming meet. Russ Corey, a student at Garrett Biblical Institute in Evanston, comes down to coach the basketball teams.

◆ Wednesday is regular MYF meeting.

◆ Thursday is boxing night, guided by John Geiras. This year two of the boys entered Golden Gloves competition. The youth choir practices on Thursday night, and during summer the church baseball team plays its league games.

◆ Friday night is basketball night.

◆ Saturdays begin with prayer discussions at 11:00, then girls' volleyball practice at 12:00. Saturday also is social night, with many kinds of parties.

During these weekly activities, the doors of the church are always open. Everyone is welcomed to participate. After church services on Sunday, the MYF council meets to plan and care for MYF business. The Council has 12 members elected by the group. To get elected to the council, a person must file a petition with the nominating committee, and then be elected by the group as a whole. After being elected, a council member must maintain a C average in school work, attend all council meetings and do his part to see that the MYF is run efficiently and smoothly.

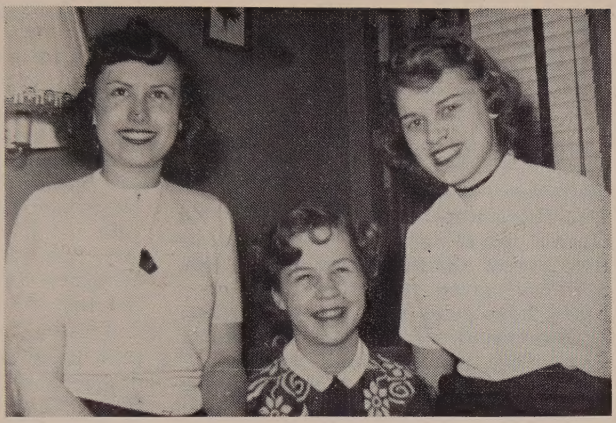
Among new activities of the group is archery, just under way. Recently a junior MYF was started, with scheduled meetings on Wednesday afternoons and Saturday mornings.

Tough situations often arise on the north side of Chicago, but the pastor of Humboldt Park church has been a great help to youth who might be involved. The ministry of this church and its MYF has changed lives of many youth and through them has changed homes. Until this youth program got under way, two years ago, there had been talk of closing down the church.

Now a parent and the MYF counselor says, "Every time I see one of our kids kneel at the altar, I am a little closer to God. Every time I hear one of them pray, I know the long hours we have put in at church have been well spent. The youth program has been a success and will continue to be. The youth come to play and learn to pray. How many hard shells have been broken through? Too many to tell about here. Hard shells built by insecurity and being unloved or feeling unwanted. A year ago one girl would have stolen anything. Today she can lead in prayer and is completely trustworthy. Another youngster has prayed for and brought about unity in her home. I wish I had a house big enough to take those who have no real home but since I haven't as yet, I'll just keep loving them and what's more important, letting them know it."

As youth have become active at the church, parents have become interested and many have joined the church fellowship. A major factor in the growth of the group is their program of whole some fun and recreation. Another factor is the dedication of the young pastor. Another is teamwork of all the people involved in the program.

Humboldt Park church is moving and growing—winning and holding the young people nearby.



These happy girls are leaders of the MYF at Humboldt Park Church on Chicago's near north side. In little over two years their MYF has grown from almost nothing until it now has a tremendous weekly program involving 400 to 600 youth.

This church basketball team played its schedule in its interdenominational league and won every game. At right rear is the church's pastor, August Aamodt, formerly on the council of the National Conference of Methodist Youth.

Humboldt Park's top square dance team demonstrated its skill at the Chicago Civic Opera house on a special evening program, did an extra, unscheduled dance by popular demand. (See full story at left.)

Texas MYF attacks terror comic books

"Terror" comic books in drug and grocery stores in Lubbock, Texas are under fire from 34 MYFers of St. John's church, according to a *Texas Christian Advocate* report.

MYFers were only mildly interested when a doctor suggested that the group take action against terror comics, but MYFers moved to action when they heard how some children had actually committed serious offenses after getting the ideas in comic books.

The youth divided the city into five sections for contact purposes, then visited stores to examine their stock of comics. Youth listed stores which had bad comic books, made another list of stores with only acceptable books. Then they wrote owners of each of the stores, urging them not to sell terror comics or commending them for having no terror comics in stock. After a designated time, the youth are following up on stores which continue to handle the unapproved comics.

MYF anglers' club has successful year

The MYF at Rose City Park church in Portland, Ore. enthusiastically agree that their experiment in organizing a junior fishermen's club has been a success. Calling themselves the anglers' club, a group of 12 or so MYFers has met one evening a month since last fall.

Guided by witness chairman Joan Sherrill and advisor Mrs. Karl Ernst, the club members made some 160 contacts in homes. The callers were not always successful, but their work has helped to make their MYF one of the largest youth groups in Oregon.

A typical meeting of the club begins with a simple dinner in a member's home, followed by a half-hour training session led by Rev. Ken Mitchell, associate minister at Rose City. Then club members pair off, a boy and a girl, and go calling. Interested church members furnish transportation for the teams.

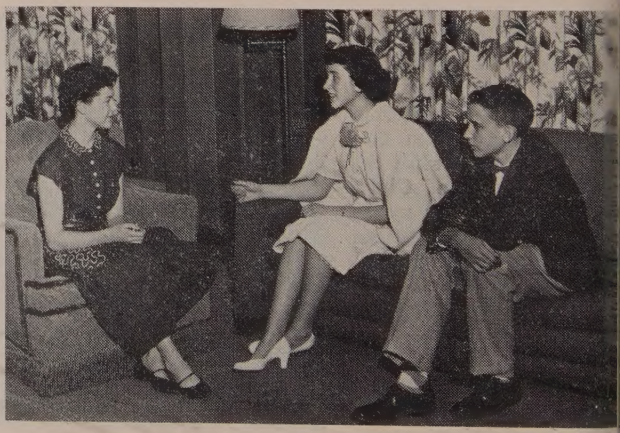
After an hour of calling, teams report back and discuss their calls together, sharing both problems and victories. Each member makes himself responsible for following up on his prospects — to provide transportation to church, if it is needed, to help him get acquainted when he does come to church.

Rural MYF earns for many projects

Fairview church, about 10 miles from Central City, Neb. has about 20 youth in its MYF. This year they have earned about $600 to support several projects.

Biggest money-maker was ice cream which they made and sold at a three-day county fair. They have given money to support a Central City missionary, now in the Philippines, to buy a slide projector for the church, to send youth to summer camp. They have sent small gifts to an orphanage and a leper colony.

This MYF is active in many ways reaching out beyond itself to serve others.



Two members of the anglers' club at Rose City Park church in Portland, Ore. go calling on a prospective MYF member. The callers are Joan Sherrill and Gordon Frost. (See story.)

outheastern regional upports segregation ban

Methodist college and university stunts of 13 southern states adopted a esolution favoring the Supreme ourt's May 17 ruling outlawing segegated public schools, and calling for hurchwide support of the decision.

The student action was taken at the outheastern regional MSM conferince attended by 317 delegates at Lake unaluska, N. C., June 8-18.

"We stand wholly in support of and plaud the Supreme Court ruling on egregation in public schools," the esolution said, "and in favor of state upport and implementation, and inividual and collective church support . . . Because of dedication of any life o the service of a God of love prohibits the denial of the birthright of ny man, the inescapable alternative e face requires a decision implying ositive action." The students pledged hemselves to "take a definite stand n this issue in the Methodist Student Iovement and local churches, as well s on a state level."

ellowships granted or prospective teachers

Five large fellowships have been warded for the first time to postraduate students who are planning o teach religion in seminaries or colges. Each fellowship carries a grant f $2,000 for the 1954-55 school year.

The awards are called "Dempster raduate Fellowships for Teaching," named for John Dempster, a 19th century Methodist preacher, missionary and educator who helped found three of the denomination's ten theological schools. Recipients must be graduates of a Methodist seminary and have completed one year's work toward the Ph. D. degree.

First awards were announced by Dr. Gerald O. McCulloh, director of the Department of Theological Schools in the Division of Educational Institutions of the Methodist Board of Education. "Our primary purpose," he explained, "is to discover and train teaching personnel for our own schools of theology."

Receiving the fellowships are Earl Kent Brown, Hartsdale, N. Y., studying church history at Boston University; Ray L. Hart, Amarillo, Texas, studying theology at Yale University; Harold H. Hinderliter of Erie, Pa., studying theology at Vanderbilt University; William Mallard, Jr., Durham, N. C., studying church history at Duke University; and Norman W. Spellman of Robstown, Texas, a student of church history at Yale University.

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